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TO : Director of Training

FROM : CIA Orientations Officer

SUBJECT: Briefing of Outgoing Attaches

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1. After the discontinuance of the geographic set-up of ORE, the graduates of the Strategic Intelligence School were at a loss as to the kind of briefing that might be done for them by the Central Intelligence Agency. Since all political briefing was to be looked upon as the prime responsibility of the Department of State, we decided to arrange our briefing around the two fields of endeavor in which we have established offices of prime concern, viz. OSI and ORR, and hence the briefing covered economic and scientific intelligence requirements, collection and production.

2. The briefing held in CIA took place at the conclusion of the formalized program of each class of the Strategic Intelligence School. Colonel Bogue, Director of the Strategic Intelligence School, told us that he felt the CIA briefing was a duplication of what the officer-students already got from our lecturers. Meetings were held in CIA, in the Pentagon, and at the SIS to ascertain what we should do to aid the Strategic Intelligence School in its efforts to prepare the attaches for their overseas assignments. It was concluded:

- (1) To discontinue bringing the attaches to CIA for briefings;
- (2) To better coordinate our lectures at the Strategic Intelligence School so that the content would be of the greatest benefit to the student-officers;
- (3) To follow up each lecture with a panel discussion at which the Division chiefs of ORR and OSI would participate.

3. While the conclusions appeared to be most satisfactory for both CIA and the Strategic Intelligence School, we should not overlook the fact that those who are going into the Naval attaché system do not attend the courses at the SIS. Accordingly, within the broad realm of our responsibility for coordination of the intelligence effort we have a right and a duty to inquire as to the preparation given to Naval officers who are designated as attaches. The Strategic Intelligence School is under the jurisdiction of G-2, Department of the Army. Because it is established under one arm of the Military Establishment, it can hardly claim jurisdiction for primary preparation of officers belonging to the other two components, viz. Air Force and Navy. Since the caliber of our intelligence production is to a large extent dependent upon the strength of the collection system, I recommend:

that the DCI give consideration to stimulating the development of a genuine strategic intelligence school of the Department of Defense designed to give adequate preparation to Naval, Marine, Air Force and Army attaches.

Such a school would correspond in the Military Establishment with the Foreign Service Institute of the State Department and we of CIA could work closely with both to render to them all assistance which will aid their endeavors.

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